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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, PBOR, MILI, UNSC, IS, LE, XF
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON - MEETING WITH AIME

SUMMARY; AIME HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON GOL PLANS IN BEIRUT
JULY 27 BY G-2 MAJOR ABDO. AIME EXPRESSED GREAT SKEPTICISM
MOVE COULD TAKE PLACE JULY 30 OR 31, EMPHASIZED NECESSITY
FOR PRIOR ILMAC MEETING, SAID HADDAD AND SHIDIAK WOULD
COOPERATE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND THOUGHT HADDAD
UNLIKELY TO LEAVE AREA. END SUMMARY

1. MORNING JULY 28 I MET WITH AIME JUST PRIOR TO HIS
MEETING WITH IDF LO COL. LEVINSON AND BEFORE HE DEPARTED
VIA BRIDGE FOR AMMAN FOR WEEKEND. HE HAD BEEN FULLY
BRIEFED IN BEIRUT ON GOL PLANS. ALTHOUGH HE WELCOMED
DECISION, HE DOUBTED MOVE COULD TAKE PLACE AS EARLY AS
BEIRUT ENVISAGED GIVEN EXTENSIVE COMPLEX PREPARATIONS
REQUIRED. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME FOR SYRIANS
TO ASSURE SAFETY OF ROUTE UP TO UNIFIL AREA OF OPERATIONS.

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AIME HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSED ROUTE SOUTH OF LITANI
SINCE IT WAS ALREADY USED BY UN. AT THE MOST SENSITIVE
POINT, KFAR KILA ON BORDER, THE UN HAD A POST THERE. UNIFIL
HAD AGREED TO ASSIST LAF WITH LOGISTICS AND FOR THIS
PURPOSE WOULD SEND OFFICERS TO BEIRUT JULY 29 TO INITIATE
CONSULTATIONS WITH G-3.

2. WHILE WEIZMAN AND EITAN HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO LAF MOVE, AIME STRESSED NECESSITY FOR PRIOR AGREEMENT ON DETAILS IN ILMAC. HE WAS AWARE OF GOL REQUEST FOR MEETING (JERUSALEM 2036) AND INTENDED TO PRESS LEVINSON FOR AGREEMENT ON EARLY DATE. IN ADDITION, HE AND ERSKINE WOULD HOLD MEETING WITH O/C NORTHERN COMMANDER BEN GAL IN NAZARETH JULY 31.

3. HADDAD AND SHIDIAK MET WITH AIME AND OTHERS AT NAQOURA JULY 27. THEY INDICATED THEY DID NOT OPPOSE LAF DEPLOYMENT PROVIDED (A) UNIT WAS NOT PRO-SYRIAN, AND (B) LAF MADE NO MOVE TO INTERFERE WITH GOOD FENCE.

4. SYRIANS, AIME SAID, WERE TO CLEAR DEPLOYMENT WITH PLO AND ENSURE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS MADE ON THE GROUND. HE SAID PFLP HAD RECENTLY POSITIONED TWO TANKS NEAR KAWKABA THUS INDICATING THAT THEY SPECIFICALLY WISH TO BE CONSULTED ON ANY LAF MOVE. WHEN PRESSED, AIME SAID UNIFIL COULD NOT BE 100 PERCENT CERTAIN TANKS BELONG TO PFLP, BUT THERE WAS A GOOD REASON TO SUSPECT THIS WAS THE CASE.

5. AIME AWARE OF GOL PLANS FOR HADDAD AND SHIDIAK. HE VOLUNTEERED HE DID NOT THINK HADDAD WOULD AGREE TO LEAVE THE AREA. WHEN ASKED IF HADDAD INDICATED HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY BEIRUT, AIME WAS NONCOMMITTAL.

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6. UNHQ JERUSALEM CONFIRMS GOI AGREEMENT TO ILMAC MEETING JULY 30 (TEL AVIV 0501).
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